

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S557–S592

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2354–2365, and S. Res. 386–390. **Page S581**

Measures Reported:

S. 1847, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security, trafficking, and disaster recovery planning, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–201) **Page S580**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4708, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign. **Page S591**

USS Omaha: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, commemorating the commissioning of the USS *Omaha*. **Page S591**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2018 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Page S591**

House Messages:

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities. **Pages S589–91**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 30, 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–25) **Pages S576–80**

Iancu Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, February 5, 2018, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S587**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S558–67, S567–68**

Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S587–89, S591–92**

Messages from the House: **Page S580**

Measures Referred: **Page S580**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S580–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S581–82**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S582–87****Additional Statements:****Pages S575–76****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S587****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—27) **Page S568**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S591.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation on the Korean Peninsula and United States strategy in the Indo-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Admiral Dennis C. Blair, USN (Ret.), Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Kelly E. Magsamen, Center for American Progress.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress, including S. 2098, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, S. 2147, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury.

DOMESTIC SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to support domestic seafood through aquaculture, after receiving testimony from Mark Luecke, Prairie AquaTech, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Kelly Lucas, University of Southern Mississippi Thad

Cochran Marine Aquaculture Center, Ocean Springs; Barton Seaver, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, South Freeport, Maine; and Donald B. Kent, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, San Diego, California.

AMERICAN INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act one year later, after receiving testimony from France Cordova, Director, National Science Foundation; and Walter Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

NATURAL HAZARD EVENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the role of the Geological Survey and the Forest Service in preparing for and responding to natural hazard events, as well as the current status of mapping and monitoring systems, after receiving testimony from David Applegate, Associate Director for Natural Hazards, Geological Survey; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; David K. Norman, Washington Department of Natural Resources Geological Survey State Geologist, Olympia; Karen Berry, Colorado State Geologist and Colorado School of Mines Geological Survey Director, Golden, on behalf of the Association of American State Geologists; Michael West, Alaska Earthquake Center State Seismologist and University of Alaska Geophysical Institute, Fairbanks; and Mayor Pat Branson, Kodiak, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Melissa F. Burnison, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Gardner (Chair), Risch, Flake, Daines, Alexander, Hoeven, Cassidy, Portman, Capito, Manchin, Wyden, Sanders, Heinrich, King, Duckworth, and Smith.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Daines (Chair), Barrasso, Lee, Gardner, Alexander, Hoeven,